

Application S/N 10/649,570
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A locking system, comprising:

a plate having a first projection and a second projection, wherein at least a portion of said first projection runs at least substantially along a vertical axis of said plate, said plate also including a surface area for receiving a decorative image; and a base having a first slot and a second slot, wherein said first slot and said second slot run at least substantially along horizontal axes of said base, wherein said base also includes a speaker and a neck and said speaker is attached to said neck, wherein said speaker and at least a portion of said neck are configured to fit within a human ear;

wherein said first slot detachably receives said first projection when said plate is in a first position and said second slot detachably receives said second projection as said plate is turned to a second position, wherein said first slot locks said first projection and said second slot locks said second projection when said plate is in said second position such that said plate is detachably coupled to said base.

2. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said second slot unlocks said second projection as said plate is turned from said second position to said first position.

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3. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said first slot unlocks said first projection when said plate is in said first position such that said plate is removable from said base.

4. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said first projection has a center portion that is at least substantially circular and at least one wing that is attached to and projects away from said center portion.

5. (original) The system according to claim 4, wherein said first slot includes at least one arc that engages said center portion of said first projection and at least one extension that receives said wings of said first projection.

6. (original) The system according to claim 5, wherein said base comprises a first element and a second element, wherein said first element is affixed to said second element, wherein said first element has a top surface and a bottom surface and said bottom surface engages said wings as said plate is turned to and stops at said second position.

7. (original) The system according to claim 1, wherein said second projection includes a neck and a head, wherein said neck is attached to said plate and said head is attached to said neck.

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8. (original) The system according to claim 7, wherein said second slot includes a pair of opposing projections, each said projection having an arc, wherein said arcs snap lock said neck of said second projection when said plate is in said second position.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) The system according to claim 2, wherein said plate further comprises a handle, wherein a user grasps and turns said handle when the user wishes to turn said plate from said first position to said second position and from said second position to said first position.

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11. (currently amended) A locking mechanism, comprising:
a plate having a first projection and a second projection; and
a base having a first slot and a second slot, wherein said first slot and said
second slot detachably lock said first projection and said second projection to permit
said plate to detachably couple said base, wherein said base also includes a speaker
and a neck and said speaker is attached to said neck, wherein the speaker and at least
a portion of said neck are configured to fit within a human ear;
wherein said plate includes a surface area on which for receiving a
decorative image is positioned;
wherein a user selectively detachably couples said plate to said base by
turning said plate from a first position to a second position and from said second
position to said first position.

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12. (currently amended) A plate for an audio device, comprising:
- a first surface area;
- a second surface area on which for receiving a decorative image is positioned;
- a first projection; and
- a second projection, said first and second projections being disposed on said first surface area;
- wherein said first and second projections are adapted to detachably engage a first slot and a second slot of a base of the audio device, wherein said plate couples to the base when said first and second projections engage the first and second slots and said plate decouples from the base when said first and second projections disengage the first and second slots of the base.
13. (original) The plate according to claim 12, wherein said first and second projections of said plate disengage the first and second slots of the base when said plate is turned to a first position and wherein said first and second projections engage the first and second slots when said plate is turned to a second position.

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14. (currently amended) A base of an audio device, comprising:
- a first element having a first slot and a second slot; and
- a second element having a speaker and a neck attached to the speaker,
wherein said first element is attached to said second element, wherein said speaker and
at least a portion of said neck are configured to fit within a human ear;
- wherein said first and second slots are adapted to detachably engage first
and second projections of a plate of the audio device, wherein said base couples to the
plate when said first and second slots engage the first and second projections and said
base decouples from the plate when said first and second slots disengage the first and
second projections of the plate.
15. (original) The base according to claim 14, wherein said first and second
slots of said base disengage the first and second projections of the plate when the plate
is turned to a first position and wherein said first and second slots engage the first and
second projections when the plate is turned to a second position.

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